

## Higher Education Solutions Network eIntern



Project Title	Higher Education Solutions Network eIntern
Project Summary	Help connect, support, and promote the work of the Higher Education Solutions Network (HESN) at USAID, a global network of universities that harnesses science, technology, and innovation to solve development challenges.
Country	United States
Agency	Agency for International Development
DoS Office	N/A
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	1

## Project Description

The Higher Education Solutions Network (HESN) is a multidisciplinary research and development effort led by seven world-class universities working directly to evaluate and strengthen real-world innovations in development.

This network is creating a vibrant framework of cooperation between development professionals and academia by harnessing the ingenuity and passion of scientists, students, faculty, and entrepreneurs to solve some of the world's most pressing development challenges. The eIntern will also have the opportunity to engage with other programs that use higher education as a way of incorporating science, technology, and innovation into global development. Please see [www.usaid.gov/hesn](http://www.usaid.gov/hesn) for more information.

Specific eIntern duties may include:

- ? Social Media - The eInterns may help promote USAID by developing content for HESN's multi-platform social media campaign, organizing voting for our annual Photo Contest, or otherwise assisting with outreach and engagement.
- ? Leadership support - Provide research support and develop talking points for speeches, high-level meetings, and media inquiries.
- ? Research - Based on realtime needs of the program, the eInterns may assist with research and analysis projects or pursue research projects of mutual interest to USAID and the eIntern.
- ? Monitoring & Evaluation Support - Assist with the data collection and management of M&E data, including development of annual and bi-annual reports for distribution.
- ? Multimedia engagement support - The eInterns may assist with planning and designing webinars designed to communicate with Network participants and others, or drafting content for newsletters, blogs, or other

engagement channels.

? Data collection and analysis - The eInterns may collect and organize data and populate database on network linkages among universities, private enterprise, the non-profit sector, and USAID offices and missions.

? There is some flexibility, particularly in the Spring semester, for students to propose their own project that would be of mutual benefit for the eIntern and HESN.

## **Desired Skills Interests**

## **Additional Information**

Specific knowledge or skills required for this project: Interest in the potential of science, technology, and innovation for global development. Ability to conduct independent research. Strong research, writing, and communication skills (written and verbal). Self-starter with the ability to work independently with minimal guidance.

The following skills/experience are desired, but not required:

Blog posting/moderation; Digital film editing software; Graphic design; MS Office platform (including Microsoft Publisher); Photography; Research (web or other platform); Social/new media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube); Web chat forums (Skype/Adobe Connect); Proficiency with Google Drive.

Other additional requirements or comments: Activities will be determined in collaboration with the eIntern(s) on a weekly basis and can be customized to meet the interests of each eIntern.

## **Language Requirements**

*None*